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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for implementing functions of hotkeys. The method includes the steps of asserting an SMI signal when an SMI event is detected, determining whether the SMI event results from one of the hotkeys being pressed, determining whether the OS is of a first or second type if the SMI event results from one of the hotkeys being pressed, reading a status value corresponding to the pressed hotkey and implementing one of the functions corresponding to the status value by the BIOS if the OS is of the first type, and reading the status value corresponding to the pressed hotkey and transferring the status value to the OS by the BIOS, and implementing one of the functions corresponding to the status value by the OS if the OS is of the second type.

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